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Jagdish N. Bhagwati: Prizes, Awards, Honorary Degrees and Other Honors

A. MAJOR HONORS AND AWARDS

Frank Seidman Distinguished Award in Political Economy (USA), 1998
Previous recipients include Gary Becker, Robert Solow, Assar Lindbeck, James Buchanan, Elinor Ostrom, Julius Wilson etc.; $25,000.00.

Freedom Prize (Switzerland), 1998
Shared with Sir Leon Brittan (EU) and President Figueres (Costa Rica); SF 100,000 or approximately $72,000.00 each.
Previous recipients include Mary Robinson, Mario Vargas Llosa, Prime Minister Cavaco Silva (Portugal), Prime Minister Suchocka (Poland), Vaclav Klaus, President Carlos Salinas (Mexico), International Red Cross, and Doctors without Borders.

Kenan Enterprise Award (USA)
Other recipients include Edmund Phelps and David Landes; $25,000.00.

Bernhard Harms Prize (Germany)
Other Recipients include Wassily Leontief, Harry Johnson and Assar Lindbeck; approximately $25,000.00.

Mahalanobis Memorial Medal (India)
Later recipients include Sukhamoy Chakravarty (shared), T.N.Srinivasan and Amartya Sen.

John R. Commons Award (USA)
Other recipients include Martin Feldstein.

Thomas Schelling Award, 2007 (Harvard)
From the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, for “transformative impact on public policy”.
Previous two recipients were Judge Richard Posner and Nobel Laureate Daniel Kahneman.

Tjalling Koopmans Asset Award, 2009 (Tillburg, Netherlands)
Previous recipients include Jim Poterba; for important contributions to economics.

Distinguished Fellowship of the American Economic Association
Previous recipients include several distinguished economists such as Thomas Schelling, Robert Mundell, Leo Hurwicz and Edmund Phelps. Citation by Paul Krugman, published in American Economic Review (and available also on this website).

B. WRITING & NGO AWARDS

David Eccles Prize (USA) for Excellence in Economic Writing, 1998

The (First) Suh Sang Don Award, 1999
For the May 1998 article in Foreign Affairs, for having alerted the world to the elements of asymmetry between the case for free capital flows and the case for free trade; the Award has been instituted by a major Asian NGOs’ Global Forum, based in South Korea. The Foreign Affairs article has been reprinted and translated around the world in several languages, including Japanese and Chinese.
The Publius Award, 1999
For the Wall Street Journal March 11, 1999 article on “The Folly of ‘Fair Trade’”; for excellence in journalistic writing on an issue of importance in public policy; awarded by The Rushford Report, the leading newsletter in the US on trade issues. Shared the award with Robert Crandall of Brookings Institution who wrote on Steel protection.

C. Other Prestigious Awards

The Ellis Island Medal, 1996
Awarded annually to an outstanding US immigrant of each ethnicity by the Ellis Island Society.

The National Heritage Award, 2002
Awarded by the American Immigration Law Foundation to outstanding immigrants for exceptional achievement in the United States.

Lifetime Achievement Award, 2008
For most distinguished achievement by Indian abroad; Jointly awarded with Professor Padma Desai Bhagwati (wife). Previous awardee was Salman Rushdie (the novelist); the next awardee was Zubin Mehta (the conductor), and then Sonny Mehta, the publisher and CEO of Knopf.

D. MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL AWARDS

Padma Vibhushan (India)
India’s second-highest award, conferred annually on Republic Day to only 5-10 persons of considerable distinction. The award was made for the first time to Bhagwati as a US national (though one of Indian origin), and was given the next year to John Kenneth Galbraith, former US Ambassador to India.
[Of interest: Professor Bhagwati’s eldest brother, former Chief Justice of India and a human rights icon, has also been awarded Padma Vibhushan; and his wife, Professor Padma Desai, has been awarded the next highest award, Padma Bhushan.]

Bharatiya Pravasi Samman Award, 2004
Conferred by the Government of India on Distinguished Indians Abroad; given to 10/15 Indians annually by the President of India.

Order of the Rising Sun: Gold and Silver Stars, 2006
Conferred by the Government of Japan, this is the highest civilian award given to foreigners. Previous recipients include Professor Donald Keene (the greatest living authority on Japanese literature).
(Professor Bhagwati’s acceptance speech: http://www.columbia.edu/~jb38/Japanspeech.doc )

Gold Medal of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, 2006

E. HONORARY DEGREES

Erasmus University; Rotterdam (Netherlands): During 75th Anniversary Celebrations
Sussex University (UK)
South Gujerat University (India)
Universidad del Pacifico (Peru)
Panjab University, Chandigarh (India)
Gokhale Institute, Pune (India)
Lancaster University (UK)
Southern Illinois University (USA)
De Paul University (USA)
Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Portugal)
University of Rajasthan, Jaipur (India)
Hyderabad University (India)
Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai (India)
Frei Universität, Berlin (Germany): Citation read by Paul Krugman at Special Convocation
London School of Economics (UK)

F. FESTSCHRIFTS

Professor Bhagwati has been honored uniquely with six festschrifts.

Three festschrifts have been presented in Netherlands, UK and the United States, the latter two on Bhagwati’s 60 birthday and the former during a scientific conference held at Rotterdam at the time of the award of an Honorary Degree.

- V.N Balasubramnyam and David Greenaway (eds), Trade and Development: Essays in Honor of Jagdish Bhagwati, MacMillan (UK); 1996.

On Bhagwati’s 70 Birthday, two festschrift conferences were organized:

- First, at University of Lancaster (UK) in December 2004, when an Honorary Degree was also conferred; proceedings to appear in The World Economy

The sixth and final festschrift was organized on 5th August 2005, with a major Dinner event in Columbia University’s Rotunda and the speakers included UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, Harvard University President Larry Summers, Nobel laureate Robert Solow, economists Paul Krugman and Martin Feldstein, other University Presidents; and messages were read from distinguished scholars such as Nobel laureate Paul Samuelson and from India’s Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. Several other Messages also came, including from President Horst Kohler of the Federal Republic of Germany and from Martin Wolf of The Financial Times. [The proceedings of the scientific conference are on Professor Panagariya’s web site at Columbia, http://www.columbia.edu/~ap2231; several of the speeches and messages are on Professor Bhagwati’s web site, here.]

G. INVITED LECTURES

Frank Graham Lecture at Princeton
Bertil Ohlin Lectures at Stockholm
Harry Johnson Lecture, London
Harry Johnson Lecture, Royal Economic Society, UK
H. ELECTIONS TO PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARLY SOCIETIES

The Econometric Society
The American Academy of Arts & Sciences
The American Philosophical Society

I. Awards and Professorships named after Professor Bhagwati

1. Jagdish Bhagwati Professorship in Indian Political Economy, Columbia University
2. Jagdish Bhagwati Prize for the Best article in Journal of International Economics
4. Jagdish Bhagwati Prize in International Economics, San Andres University, Buenos Aires, Argentina
5. Jagdish Bhagwati Fellowships endowed in Columbia Law School by Government of India

J. Selected International Committees and Positions

Several, chiefly:

2. Special Adviser to the UN on Globalization, with Under Secretary General rank under UN Secretary General Kofi Annan
3. External Adviser to the WTO under Director General Michael Moore
4. Member of UN SG Kofi Annan's Advisory Group on the NEPAD Process in Africa
5. Member of the Expert Group chaired by Peter Sutherland, at the WTO, on the Future of WTO
6. Member of the Eminent Persons Group at UNCTAD, co-chaired by President Cardoso of Brazil, on The Future of UNCTAD
7. Member of the Indian Prime Minister's Global Advisory Council

K. Media Appearances and Debates

Professor Bhagwati has appeared frequently on several of the top-ranking TV shows worldwide: the Charlie Rose Show, the MacNeil Lehrer News Hour, the Lehrer News Hour, the Christianne Amanpour Show, the Fareed Zakaria GPS show, World Focus, BBC World News, Newsnight (BBC's flagship show with Jeremy Paxman), ABC News, CNN, C-Span, Debates-Debates, Bloomberg TV, and leading TV channels in Japan, Sweden, Russia, India, Australia, Spain, Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Singapore, South Africa, Germany, and many other countries.
Also appeared in frequent TV Debates with prominent anti-trade and anti-globalization figures such as Naomi Klein, Ralph Nader and Laurie Wallach (Public Citizen) on Free Trade and on WTO issues; also in several radio programs and debates worldwide on these issues plus globalization, immigration etc.

Many debates have also taken place in print media such as the Wall Street Journal, Scientific American, and Prospect (UK); and on campuses such as Harvard University (between Bhagwati and Alan Blinder on Outsourcing, published by MIT Press, in 2009), and the Cambridge Union (between Bhagwati and Britain’s leading environmentalist).

There have also been public debates with large audiences. E.g. In London (among Bhagwati and the philosophers Bernard Henri-Levy and John Gray on Markets and Morality).

Another prominent debate was the Intelligence Square Debate In New York [with Bhagwati, USTR Susan Schwab and Doug Irwin arrayed against Jeff Madrick of New York Review of Books, John MacArthur of Harper’s and the Steel Workers Union Chief Leo Gerard, where the former team (opposing the provisions) won 80 to 20% over the latter: a clear knockout] on Buy America and Hire America provisions. This debate was carried over Bloomberg TV and was also covered extensively by Newsweek, National Public Radio & Bloomberg Radio

L. Profiles


M: JOURNALS

Professor Bhagwati has been the founder-editor of two successful professional journals:

Journal of International Economics, long the leading journal in the field of international economics; and Economic & Politics, a pioneering and now a leading journal in Political Economy.

N: STUDENTS

Professor Bhagwati has produced the largest number of today’s leading international economists.

In trade theory and international economics generally, they include Paul Krugman, Gene Grossman (Princeton), Robert Feenstra (NBER, Berkeley and San Diego), Douglas Irwin (Chicago and Dartmouth), Don Davis (Columbia), Elias Dinopoulos (Florida), Kar-yiu Wong (Seattle) and Richard Brecher (Carleton, Canada). In addition, he has produced influential co-authored articles on numerous subjects in international trade theory with T.N.Srinivasan (Yale), Tatsuo Hatta (Osaka and Tokyo), Koichi Hamada (Tokyo and Yale), Arvind Panagariya (Maryland and Columbia), among others.

His students in international finance and macro include Maury Obstfeld (Berkeley), Ken Rogoff (Harvard), Jeff Frenkel (Harvard) and Olivier Blanchard (MIT and IMF).